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STATEMENT OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE ON UNICEF ON THE BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON STUDY

1. The executive summary of the Booz Allen Hamilton Study has been shared with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in consultative status with UNICEF. The emphasis and visibility being given by the study to the role and relationship of UNICEF to NGOs is one with which we strongly concur.

2. The recognition and strong support which UNICEF has given to NGOs under Jim Grant's leadership has been much appreciated. NGOs represent a grass-roots mobilization of resources, both human and financial, which is significant. The democratic movements of the past few years signal that the private voluntary sector is growing and will have a vital role to play in responding to human needs.

3. We wish to affirm the basis intent and directions of the management study. It is also our genuine desire to collaborate in whatever ways possible to provide helpful support to the analysis through which UNICEF is moving in order to strengthen its capacity to fulfil the mission entrusted to it.

4. The request we would make of the Executive Board is that there be participation by NGOs in the process established to review the proposals related to UNICEF/NGO relations. The study stresses the importance of partnership with NGOs, and we feel that the most effective way for this partnership to be strengthened is to involve NGOs, as appropriate, in the implementation of the recommendations. Should the Executive Board agree to this suggestion, the NGO Committee on UNICEF would be pleased to help establish the modalities for NGO involvement in the development of new policies and practices for UNICEF/NGO cooperation.